Free Range Library: Information Literacy Outcomes Come Home to Roost

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what is web scale discovery?
What is WSD?

Discovery Layer
Search seamlessly and easily across all a library's resources

Unified Index
Preharvested and processed metadata and full-text that is searchable through the discovery layer
WHY introduce a discovery tool?
• Target first time users, limit anxiety levels

• Increase discovery of lesser used resources

• Remove/mitigate barriers users may encounter when finding and accessing information

• User demand!
Product: Serial Solutions Summon
Branded: LibrarySearch
Introduced: Late 2010

Introduced: September 2011
Product: Ebsco Discover Service (EDS)
Branded: OCtopus
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Summon: Scope entitlements within Serial Solutions UI + unique catalogue and institutional repository
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- The information literate student determines the nature and extent of the information needed.
- The information literate student accesses needed information effectively and efficiently.
- The information literate student evaluates information and its sources critically and incorporates selected information into his or her knowledge base and value system.
- The information literate student, individually or as a member of a group, uses information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose.
- The information literate student understands many of the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information and accesses and uses information ethically and legally.

http://www.ala.org/acrl/standards/informationliteracycompetency#stan
Explore!
Branding & Marketing
Are We Meeting Info Lit Standards?

- Arguably, WSD has the greatest ability to support Standard #2: The information literate student accesses needed information effectively and efficiently.

- WSD is one tool in the info lit toolkit; pre-search and post-research skills still need to be taught and learned.

- WSD allows reference and instruction to focus on higher level instruction than “what do I use and where do I go?”
Assessing the Impact of WSD:
Measures to watch
- Visits, searches conducted using WSD tool
- Hits on Databases A-Z, by Subject, LibGuides
- Vendor statistics - Aggregators (i.e. Academic Search Premier) vs. publishers with "long tail" content more discoverable
- ILL requesting and A&I statistics
- LibQUAL+ quantitative data and comments
- Academic literature
Selected Reading